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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Learning and Gathering This Week of June 20, 2021

Ecclesiastical Council for Tonya Barnett and Rev. Dr. Valencia Jackson

The Commission on Ministry invites you to the Ecclesiastical Councils of Tonya Barnett (top photo) and Rev. Dr. Valencia Jackson (bottom photo) on Thursday, June 24th at 5:00 pm Eastern / 4:00 pm Central on Zoom.

Ecclesiastical Councils (ECs) are the last step in the process for both Members in Discernment and for Ministers transferring their credentials to the United Church of Christ from another denomination called the Privilege of Call. As part of the EC, you, members of the Southeast Conference, will have the opportunity to listen to the work of the Spirit and vote to Ordain Tonya Barnett and transfer Rev. Dr. Valencia Jackson's Ordination to the United Church of Christ. [Learn more about both candidates on our website.](#)

The Ecclesiastical Council will be held online via Zoom. [REGISTER](#)



Clergy Zoom Connections for this Week

- **Especially for Specialized Ministers**

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/354744689>

- **An Hour of Conversations and Prayer**

Tuesday, June 22, 29 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central); Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/479440102>

Looking Ahead

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation for all Church Leaders

- **Monday, June 28, 7 pm Eastern/6 pm Central**

Many churches are moving to in-person worship. This is an opportunity to learn about each other's experiences, recommendations, etc. We invite all Moderators, Church Leaders, and Clergy to be part of the conversation. [REGISTER](#)

From the United Church of Christ

Synod Storytelling

Thursday, June 24, 3:30 pm EDT / 2:30 pm CDT

As we gather in for the first-ever Special Edition Digital General Synod upcoming, we know that there are so many who will hold an ache for the kind of things that happen in person. General Synod in the past has been: A gathering of our church to do the work of the denomination and pass resolutions, a family reunion of sorts, a place where people are activated for Justice and Jesus, a place where connections happen and sparks of innovation come forward, and so much more. While we'll still have resolutions and worship and digital programming for Synod 2021, it will certainly be different this year! Before we

gather in July, come to this Synod Storytelling event to hear stories of Synod's past, and the incredible community, work, and connections that have occurred, because WE are the UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. [REGISTER](#)

General Synod – Registration for Visitors

July 11-18 (Mostly Evenings)

This is a great opportunity to experience General Synod without leaving home! Visitors are invited to register and join in the various activities: 3 Worship Services, 2 Keynote Speakers, 50 Workshops, Business Sessions, as well as special events sponsored by various groups related to the UCC. For the schedule and program information, go to generalsynod.org. The registration cost is \$100.



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